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1. HAK ON CHINA /VN/THAILAND

SEC, AT HARVARD FRIDAY NEWS CONFERENCE, SAID SUDDEN PRC LEADERSHIP CHANGES NOT EXPECTED MAKE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN SINO-US RELS; ADDED THAT ISSUES CONCERNING TAIWAN HOLDING UP NORMALIZING PROCESS; SAID TAIWAN WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP, BUT GAVE NO TIMETABLE FOR MEETING. HAK HINTED HE MAY GO TO PRC LATE THIS YEAR IN TRIP TO BE ARRANGED AFTER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. IN OTHER EA NEWS, HAK SAID US EXPECTS BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN "NEAR FUTURE" WITH VN ABOUT FULL ACCOUNTING MIA'S -- REITERATED MATTER IS "QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE" AND BETTER UNCLASSIFIED

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US-VN RELS DEPEND ON MIA ACCOUNTING. SECSTATE MAINTAINED US HAD NOTHING DO WITH RECENT THAILAND COUP, DID NOT KNOW IF IT IN ADVANCE (WP'S OBERDORFER 10/16).

2. CHINA

ELITE PEKING GARRISON PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE TO HUA SUNDAY, AFTER WEEKEND OF MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST LEFTISTS (REUTER PHINQ, NYT). THOUSANDS STREAMED INTO SHANGHAI

SATURDAY, DEMANDING PUNISHMENT FOR CHIANG CHING/HER 3
POLITICAL ALLIES, ACCORDING TANJUG (WSTAR, UP 10/17).
WALLS IN FORMER RADICALS' STRONGHOLD PLASTERED WITH POSTERS
DENOUNCING THEM AS CONSPIRATORS, DEPICTING THEM WITH NOOSES
AROUND NECKS (WSJ). KYODO SAYS SOME PEKING DIPLOMATS
BELIEVE FAST-MOVING POL DEVELOPMENTS COULD CLEAR WAY FOR
TENG'S COMEBACK (WSTAR 10/17). AMCIT VISITING SHANGHAI
SAID SUNDAY THAT MORE THAN MILLION TOOK PART IN LARGEST
DEMONSTRATION THERE SO FAR AGAINST CHIANG CHING, MARKING
THIRD CONSECTIVE DAY OF HUGE RALLIES. SOURCE SAID CROWDS
ORDERLY/FRIENDLY, EVEN WAVED TO HIM/OTHER WESTERNERS
TOURING CITY. ADDED THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY ABSENCE ANY SHOW
OF SUPPORT FOR RADICALS IN CITY (UPI, NYDN).

FRIDAY PEKING REPORTS SAID THREE GUARDS WERE KILLED WHEN SHOOTING ERUPTED DURING ARREST CHIANG CHING/3 OTHER RADICAL LEADERS ACCUSED OF PLOTTING COUP (SUN, WSTAR).

PRC SUCCESSFULLY EXPLODED UNDERGROUND NUKE DEVICE SUNDAY, ACCORDING NCNA--19TH BLAST SINCE 1964; AGENCY CREDITED CCP DECISIONS FOR SUCCESS (AP NYDN, PHINQ; WSJ, WP). UPI (TOKYO) CITES PEKING RADIO'S REPORT OF TEST (NYT). EPA REPORTED FRIDAY THAT NUKE FALLOUT CLOUD FROM PRIOR PRC ATMOSPHERIC TEST IS MAKING SECOND PASS OVER US (WSTAR 10/16). BALTIMORE REGISTERED MOST RADIOACTIVITY IN PASTEURIZED MILK AS RESULT FALLOUT FROM CHINESE SEPT 26 BLAST, ACCORIDNG EPA (WP 10/16).

TRAIN CARRYING FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN FROM HK TO CANTON TRADE FAIR DERAILED INSIDE PRC SATURDAY, CAUSING SOME INJURIES, WESTERN BUSINESSMAN TOLD UPI; NONE OF INJURED WAS AMCIT, UNCLASSIFIED

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NO DETAILS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE (WP 10/17).

3. THAILAND/INDOCHINA

JUNTA STARTS ROUND-UP OF LEFTIST WRITERS/PROFS/INTELLECTUALS UNDER NEW DIRECTIVE ALLOWING 30-DAYS' DETENTION SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS (WSTAR 10/16). PUBLISHERS OF MOST PRESTIGIOUS POL JOURNAL IN COUNTRY ARRESTED AS DOZENS GET PICKED UP UNDER SWEEPING MARTIAL LAW ORDER (SIMONS, WP 10/16). FIRST VICTIMS NEW LAW ARE SOME OF COUNTRY'S MOST NOTED INTELLECTUALS; LAW DESIGNED PROVIDE CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL CENTERS FOR RE-EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL TRAINING. SCORES FLEE TO LAOS, SOME INTO CAMBODIA TO AVOID ARREST

(ANDELMAN, NYT 10/16).

MIL RULERS HUNT FOR SOCIALIST LEADERS, WARN AGAINST POSSIBLE SABOTAGE AGAINST MIL INSTALLATIONS (WSTAR 10/17). ABOUT 200 SUSPECTS HELD. DIPL SOURCES SAY COUNCIL MORE WORRIED ABOUT MOVES BY DISSATISFIED ARMY OFFICERS THAN VIOLENCE FROM LEFT. POLICE RAID BOOKSTORES/LIBRARIES/HOMES /OFFICES, CONFISCATE THOUSANDS ALLEGEDLY COMMUNIST DOCUMENTS (AP, SUN 10/17). W DIPLOMATS CONCERNED THAT ELIMINATION AGITATION MAY BE USED AS EXCUSE FOR SETTLING GRUDGES (ANDELMAN, 10/17). JUNTA TOUGHENS ANTI-COMMUNIST LAWS IN EFFORT STOP PEOPLE HEADING INTO COMMUNIST GUERRILLA AREAS OR OUT OF COUNTRY (CSM).

ANDELMAN REPORTS JUNTA RE-EXAMINES THAI RELS W/NEIGHBORS/US. DETECTS NEW BITTERNESS BETW RTG, INDOCHINESE NEIGHBORS, EXP LAOS, VN. SAYS NEW GOVT EAGER DEVELOP NEW WARMTH IN RELS W/US, BUT MANY DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THIS MAY NOT BE FULLY RECIPROCATED. QUOTES THAI FOREIGN POLICY SPECIALISTS THAT RTG WANTS CLOSER RELS W/US/ASEAN IF ONLY TO COUNTERBALANCE CHILL IN RELS W/LAOS/VN/PERHAPS CAMBODIA. NOTES HANOI/ VIENTIANE START BITTER ATTACKS ON THAILAND; VN CLAIMS THOUSANDS VIETS HERDED INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THAIS DENY CHARGE.

THAI/LAOTIAN FORCES CLASH ON BORDER NE THAILAND WHERE NUMBER LEFTIST THAI STUDENTS REPORTEDLY FLED INTO LAOS (REUTER, WP 10/16). VIENTIANE YOUTHS STAGE DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST UNCLASSIFIED

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THAI MIL COUP (AP W/PIC, NYT 10/17). THAI PAPERS SAYS COMPANY LAOTIAN TROOPS CROSSED INTO THAILAND SUNDAY NIGHT, CLASHED W/THAI FORCES (REUTER BANGKOK).

4. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

VIET MOTHER WILL CLAIM 4-YR-OLD FROM US FAMILY THAT ADOPTED HIM (AP, NYT). CUSTODY BATTLES LOOM, AS MORE VIET REFUGEES TRY RECLAIM CHILDREN ADOPTED BY US FAMILIES; CHILDREN BROUGHT OUT ON "OPERATION BABYLIFT" (PRESS, CSM).

5. JAPAN

JUSTICE MIN INABA DISCLOSED 10/15 THAT 14 DIET MEMBERS TOOK SECRET CASH PAYMENTS FROM LOCKHEED, BUT NONE NAMED, NONE WILL BE INDICTED DUE LACK EVIDENCE/EXPIRATION STATUTE LIMITATIONS. IN TWO 40-MIN ADDRESSES TO BOTH HOUSES, INABA SAID TASK FORCE OF 40 PROSECUTORS/65 SECRETARIES QUESTIONED 460 PERSONS, RAIDED 136 LOCATIONS, SEIZED 66,000 DOCUMENTS SO FAR IN LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION (SAAR, WP; SEIDEN, SUN; NYT, ALL 10/16; AP, WSJ; REUTER TOKYO 10/15).

IN SPEECH PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO HARVARD EA CONF, SEN CHURCH STATED LOCKHEED CORP CONTRIBUTED TO CORRUPTION/SUBVERSION LDP, "ON WHICH THE US RELIED HEAVILY"-TEACHING THAT US MULTINATL OPERATING ABROAD CAN BECOME

POL FACTOR "WHOSE IMMEDIATE INTERESTS MAY BE ANTITHETICAL" TO US FOPOL OBJECTIVES (REUTER 10/15).

US ARMY, AFTER INITIAL DENIAL, ADMITS PARTICIPATION IN SIMULATED HIROSHIMA BOMBING AT TEXAS AIR SHOW; SAID 1ST CHECK FAILED UNCOVER PARTICIPATION, DUE BREAKDOWN INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS (WP 10/16).

JAPAN SELECTS MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS F-15 AS NEXT MAINSTAY FIGHTER; DEF STAFF OFFICE PLANS BUY 170 JETS COSTING OVER 20 MIL DOLS (NYT).

KYODO REPORTS CUBA'S SHRINKING FOREX RESERVES HAVE FORCED UNCLASSIFIED

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POSTPONEMENT SCHEDULED IMPORTS 90-MIL-DOLS WORTH JAPAN-ESE GOODS. STEEP DROP IN INTL SUGAR PRICE CITED AS CUBA'S MAIN REASON INABILITY COMPLETE PURCHASE (UPI, JOC).

DOLLAR CONTINUED STRENGTHEN ON TOKYO FOREX MART FRIDAY, CLIMBING TO 292.83 YEN FROM 292.35 DAY BEFORE (WSJ).

FINANCE MINISTRY PRELIM REPORT SAYS JAPAN'S OVERALL BOP SURPLUS QUADRUPLED TO 420 MIL DOLS LAST MONTH FROM 107 MIL DOLS IN AUGUST (REUTER TOKYO).

MALCOLM (NYT) DOES ITEM ON RITUAL/PAGEANTRY/TRADITIONS INVOLVED IN JAPANESE MARRIAGES. NOTES OCT MOST POPULAR MONTH, WITH MARRIAGES OCCURRING EVERY 12 SECONDS--CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO JAPANESE MARRIAGE INDUSTRY'S 6-BILLION-DOL ANNUAL INCOME.

6. KOREA

AP (PARIS) SAYS 2 FRENCH PAPERS REPORT "RUMORS" KIM IL SUNG ARRESTED BY SON KIM CHONG IL IN FAMILY POWER STRUGGLE (SUN 10/17).

REUTER (HK, 10/15) CARRIES NK ACCUSATION US CONTINUING RECON FLIGHTS OVER NORTH; CITES ALLEGATIONS OF 2 SR-71 FLIGHTS LAST WEEK.

DENMARK GIVES NK AMBASSADOR/ENTIRE COPENHAGEN EMB DIPLOMATIC STAFF 3 OFFICERS 6 DAYS TO LEAVE COUNTRY ON CHARGES EMB "FRONT" FOR LARGE-SCALE BLACK MARKET TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS/LIQUOR/CIGARETTES (REUTER AND AP, CARRIED NYT,

WP AND WSTAR 10/16).

AMB HAHM, IN INTERVIEW, ADMITS PRESENCE "ROGUE" KCIA AGENTS IN US WHO USED "GOON PSYCHOLOGY" AGAINST KOREAN

RESIDENTS HERE. EXPLAINS ACTIONS RESULT OVERZEALOUS AGENTS, NOT ROKG POLICY. HAHM LATER SAID HAD MEANT REPORTS KCIA ACTIVITIES IN US "RUMORS AND MYTHS" (WSTAR 10/16; WP 10/17). UNCLASSIFIED

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GLOBE (10/15) CARRIES WP FEATURE RE INVESTIGATIONS INTO ROKG ATTEMPTS INFLUENCE CONGRESS.

AP REPORTS 10/16 RELEASE OF FORMERLY SECRET 1950 HIRC MATERIAL SHOWS THEN ASS'T SECSTATE RUSK TESTIFIED 4 DAYS BEFORE NK INVASION THAT "WE HAVE NO PRESENT INDICATION" ATTACK EXPECTED (WP, WSTAR, SUN 10/17).

7. PHILIPPINES

VOTERS GIVE MARCOS 90 PCT MAJORITY WIN ON CONTINUATION MARTIAL LAW, ENDORSE SERIES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WILL LEAVE MARCOS W/BROAD POWERS EVEN AFTER MARTIAL LAW LIFTED. VICTORY REFLECTS CAMPAIGN IN WHICH GOP VIEWS WIDELY PUBLICIZED, WHILE OPPOSITION STATEMENTS GIVEN SCANT PRESS COVERAGE, NONE ON RADIO/TV. OVER 1,000 LABORER/CHURCH PEOPLE/OPPOSITION LEADERS RALLIED AT DOWNTOWN MANILA CHURCH TO DENOUNCE VOTE AS "DECEPTION," LATER DISPERSED QUIETLY INTO STREETS GUARDED BY CLUB-BEARING POLICE (ISAACS, SUN; WSJ; UPI, GLOBE; WP; WSTAR, BOTH 10/17). SUNDAY POST, SUN CARRY UPI PIX MARCOS, IMELDA CASTING VOTES.

MIL VEHICLE CARRYING POLL CLERKS/BALLOT BOXES FOR MARTIAL LAW REFERENDUM ROLLED OVER LANDMINE, ATTACKED BY INSURGENTS 10/17 ON JOLO ISLAND. SIX POLL CLERKS, 2 GUARDS KILLED IN ONLY SERIOUS VIOLENCE REPORTED DURING 2-DAY REFERENDUM (AP, GLOBE; NYT; WP).

8. AUSTRALIA/NZ

WORST FLOODS IN 100 YRS DEVASTATE NEW S WALES TOWN; HEAVY RAINS SWAMP CANBERRA OCT 16/17. OVER 10,000 EVACUATED FROM HOMES FOLLOWING WARNINGS THAT PARTLY BUILT DAM 5 MILES UPSTREAM FROM FLOODED TOWN QUEANBEYAN COULD BURST (REUTER NYT, CSM).

US CARRIER "ENTERPRISE" TEMPORARILY WITHDREW SUNDAY FROM AIR/LAND/SEA EXERCISE OFF AUSTRALIAN COAST TO AID US MARINE WHO SUFFERED HEAD INJURIES ABOARD DESTROYER UNCLASSIFIED

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"OKINAWA" HEADED FROM GUADALCANAL TO AUSSIE COAST (REUTER, PHINQ).

TEACHER/GOVT RELATIONSHIP IN NZ HEADED FOR MORE TROUBLE: GONZ'S DETERMINATION BRING DOWN 18 PCT INFLATION INCLUDES SPENDING CUTS IN EDUCATION, TO WHICH TEACHERS VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED. MULDOON BRANDED EDUCATION LOBBY "SHRILL, ALMOST HYSTERICAL" IN OUTCRY AGAINST CUTS. TEACHERS VIEW GONZ'S MEASURES AS SHORTSIGHTED, INEVITABLY PRODUCING WORST EFFECTS FOR CHILDREN (CARTHEW, CSM)

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9 JAPAN

NYDN, EXPRESSING "REVULSION' OVER HIROSHIMA RE-ENACT-MENT IN TEXAS, SAYS SPONSORS ONLY MISSED ONE BET--COULD HAVE ALSO BROUGHT OVER SOME MAIMED SURVIVORS FROM JAPAN AND EXHIBITED THEM "IN A SIDE SHOW AT 1 DOL PER GAPE."

SUN'S SEIDEN DOES STORY FROM SANYA--SLUM HALF-HOUR'S SUBWAY RIDE FROM TOKYO--WHERE JAPAN "ACCOMMODATES ITS MISFITS" BY PUTTING THEM WHERE CAN BE "IGNORED AND FORGOTTEN." ADDS COUNTRY'S "INVISIBLE POVERTY" MUST ALSO INCLUDE "SO-CALLED" MIDDLE CLASS, WHERE 60 PCT EARN LESS THAN 7,000 DOLS YRLY. NOTES EVEN THO JAPAN'S WELFARE ROLLS SEEM SMALL, ACTUAL LIVING STANDARD OF MANY IN MIDDLE CLASS WOULD BE CONSIDERED POVERTY LEVEL IN US.

KIRK (GLOBE 10/17) STATES LOCKHEED BECOMING"JAPAN'S WATER-GATE." AT OUTSET, WAS TYPE OF STORY WHICH WOULD SOMEHOW "EVAPORATE", BUT LIKE WATERGATE, NOW REFUSES DIE. SAYS REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM, HOWEVER, IS EXTENT TO WHICH EACH REFLECTED/TOUCHED UPON MUCH BROADER RANGE POL/CORPORATE FIGURES THAN INITIALLY IMPLICATED. CONCLUDES "FUNDAMENTAL IRONY" IS THAT LOCKHEED SHOULD HAVE FORCED DEEP INTROSPECTION INTO WAYS OF CORPORATE JAPAN, WHILE WATERGATE'S FINAL IMPACT MERELY TO "CONFIRM OLD-FASHIONED FAITH...IN THE EFFICACY OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT IN AMERICA."

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ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP 10/16) QUOTE SANE REPORT THAT 2-300,000 POL PRISONERS BEING HELD IN VN "RE-EDUCATION" CAMPS, INCL FORMER GVN OFFICIALS, MANY "THIRD FORCE" LEADERS/PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO CAUSED THIEU MUCH TROUBLE. IN LTR TO HANOI OBSERVER AT UN, SANE DEPLORES SITUATION, EXPRESSES DISTRESS THAT DETAINEES DEPRIVED OF CONTACT

W/FAMILIES, CALLS FOR ACCOUNTING ALL POL DETAINEES. ANDERSON/WHITTEN COMMENT THAT HANOI INSISTS ONLY THOSE ACTIVE IN GVN OR WHO DEVELOPED "NEGATIVE" ATTITUDES SENT FOR "RE-EDUCATION."

11. THAILAND

GETZENDANNER (LAT 10/15) SEES TROUBLE COMING, DUE STERN ANTI-COMMUNIST STANCE OF JUNTA IN COUNTRY WHERE LEFTIST ACTIVITY ON UPSWING. NOTES MIL GOVT TRIED BLAME COMMUNISTS FOR VIOLENCE AT THAMMASAT U. REPORTS OPINIONS ON ON SITUATION BY LABOR LEADER, STUDENT, COMMUNIST LEADER. OPINES COMMUNISTS NOW MORE CONFIDENT, BETTER ORGANIZED/COORDINATED THAN BEFORE, NOW RECEIVE OUTSIDE AID. ANALYZES SITUATION LEFTIST FACTION ASSOCIATED W/TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, "LIBERAL" NTLISTS. THINKS JUNTA'S CHANCES SURVIVING LONG LOOK SLIM, THO STILL HAS SOME POPULAR SUPPORT.

IN BANGKOK, SIMONS (WP) REVIEWS DEMISE THAI DEMOCRACY. NOTES EVENTS EVOKED LITTLE SORROW/OUTRAGE; PERHAPS REST OF WORLD NEVER CONVINCED DEMOCRACY VIABLE THERE. SAYS FEW THAIS MOURN END, W/MOST ACCEPTING THESIS THAT W-STYLE DEMOCRACY NOT FOR THEM. ADDS MORE WESTERNERS CONCEDE THAIS NEED FIRM CONTROL. THINKS THAILAND REMAINS IN HEART/SOUL INSCRUTABLY ORIENTAL/FEUDAL, DESPISE CONFLICT, WILLING PAY ANY PRICE FOR ORDER/CONSENSUS. RECALLS LEFT-WING STUDENTS NOT WILLING GIVESYSTEM TIME IT REQUIRED, AGITATED AGAINST SUCCESSION ELECTED GOVTS; RIGHTISTS PLOTTED; PRESS PLAYED DISRUPTIVE ROLE.

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, SIMONS DESCRIBES MARTIAL LAW STEPS. SAYS MOST BANGKOK RESIDENTS NOT TERRIBLY DISPLEASED W/MIL TAKEOVER. SUMMARIZES MARTIAL LAW CHARACTERISTICS: "ICE UNCLASSIFIED

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CREAM AND FEAR."

DON LUCE WRITES WP TO DESCRIBE US ROLE IN COUP: ECON AID TO CIVILIAN GOVT DECREASED, WHILE AID TO RIGHTIST MIL MAINTAINED AT HI LEVEL. SAYS INSTABILITY CAUSED BY SECSTATE'S SUPPORT RT-WING ELEMENTS HAS DESTABILIZED AREA. PREDICTS RESULTS WILL COST US BILLIONS DOLS MIL AID, CAUSED DEATHS MANY THAIS, ENDED DEMOCRACY THERE. JOHNSON, OF "CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION," IN LTR TO WP SAYS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION EXISTS US, IN COLLABORATION W/RT-WING/MIL ORGANIZATIONS UNDERMINED THAI DEMOCRACY. CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION CIA ROLE IN EVENTS.

12. MALAYSIA

BROOKE (WP 10/17) REVIEWS VARIED SIGHTS.SAYS PROSPEROUS COUNTRY ONE OF LEAST EXPENSIVE FOR AVERAGE TOURIST.

13. HONG KONG

MULLANEY (NYT 10/17) FINDS OPTIMISM OVER TRADE, TOURISM,

PROFITS, STRENGTH HK DOLLAR, EMPLOYMENT, NEW TRANSIT SYSTEM. RECENT STOCK MKT DROP EXPLAINED BY ACTIONS IN LONDON, RECENT EVENTS IN PRC.

14. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

KRAFT (WP 10/17) NOTES THEME OF MORALITY IN FOREIGN POLICY IN PRES CAMPAIGN, BUT COMMENTS BOTH CANDIDATES MAKE IMPLICIT COMMITMENTS THAT CANNOT KEEP IN AREAS REMOTE FROM US INTEREST. SAYS QUESTION OF WHAT MORALITY IN FOPOLICY IS HAS BEEN DRIVEN ASIDE BY BALANCE-OF-POWER ENUNCIATED BY HAK, W/CONCENTRATION ON POWERFUL COUNTRIES: USSR, PRC, JAPAN, GERMANY. STATES APPROACH COMMANDED GENL APPROVAL WHILE VN WAR LASTED, BUT VN DEBACLE SHOWED US HAD BROKEN W/POLICY OF SELFLESSLY SUPPORTING "GOOD GUYS." SEES ADJUSTMENT OF APPROACH NOW, W/PRES CONSULTING CONGRESS COUNTRY MORE, OTHER CHANGES. BELIEVES CARTER GOES BEYOND HAK ADJUSTMENT, ASSUMES UNILATERAL US RESPONSIBILITY FOR STOPPING PROLIFERATION NUKE WEAPONS, IMPLICITLY ACKNOW-UNCLASSIFIED

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LEDGES US RESPONSIBILITY END TYRANNY IN PARTS OF WORLD. OPINES UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHAT IS MORAL IN FOPOLICY BECOMES HARD QUESTION; NOTHING MORE IMMORAL THAN RAISING FALSE HOPES ABROAD.

15. GENERAL

READ (WP 10/17) DOES LENGTHY PIECE TO BOLSTER OPINION THAT PRESIDENTS SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON FOREIGN ISSUES W/O REGARD TO DOMESTIC COSTS. RECALLS KENNEDY, JOHNSON DIRECT INTEREST IN SEA, NIXON'S INVOLVEMENT W/CHINA, CAMBODIA. RECOMMENDS STEPS TO KEEP PRES FROM EXCESSIVE PREOCCUPATION W/FOREIGN AFFAIRS: VP COULD ACT AS FOPOLICY ADVISER; WH PRIORITIES STAFF COULD BE SET UP; SECSTATE ROLE; OTHER POSSIBLE CHANGES.

16. INDONESIA

FARNSWORTH (NYT 10/16) NOTES WAVE DISENCHANTMENT W/3RD WORLD INVESTMENTS SPREADING THRU MULTINATIONALS DUE POORER GENL BUSINESS CONDITIONS. POL/FINANCIAL RISKS INVOLVED. QUOTES EXEC THAT IN INDONESIA, GAVE CONTRACT BUT THEN CHANGED RULES OF GAME.

17. PHILIPPINES

NYT SPEC (10/17) FINDS MOST PHIL VOTERS FEEL USELESS TRY RESISTS GOP'S INTENSIVE DRIVE FOR "YES" VOTE. RANDOM INTERVIEWS REFLECT FEAR RISKING ROUBLE, AS VOTING MANDA-

TORY AND FAILURE DO SO INVOLVES FINE/PRISON SENTENCE.

ISAACS (SUN 10/16) ATTENDS OPPOSITION MTG, ALLOWED BY MARCOS UNDER LIMITED "FREE DEBATE" TIME. FORMER SEN SALONGA TOLD AUDIENCE IF THEY VOTE "YES", WILL BE PERPETUATION 1-MAN RULE. DECLARATION ISSUED LAST MONTH BY 14 CATHOLIC BISHOPS STATED ANY REFERENDUM HELD UNDER OPPRESSIVE CIRSUMSTANCES NOTHING BUT "VICIOUS FARCE," WELL AS "MOST UNCONSCIONABLE MOCKERY" OF FIL'S DIGNITY. ISAACS ALSO RELATES OFTEN-HEARD JOKE ABOUT RIGGED ELECTION: "DID YOU KNOW UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICANS HAVE COMPUTER THAT PRODUCES FINAL ELECTION RESULTS IN ONLY 3 HRS?"; "SO WHAT? HERE WE KNOW RESULTS 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE."

ROWEN (WP 10/16) REPORTS ANALYSIS WB ACTIVITIES IN PHILS, COMMISSIONED BY BANK ITSELF, CONCLUDED THAT MARCOS RIGS COUNTRY'S ECON SYSTEM IN WAYS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO FREE MARKET SYSTEM ESPOUSED BY US/OTHER DEMOCRACIES. SAYS MCNAMARA LESS BOTHERED THAN SOME WB/IMF OFFICIALS, WHO "WERE ALMOST SICKENED" BY PHILS' 260 MIL-DOL EXPENDITURE FOR HOTELS/CONVENTION CENTER. MCNAMARA DEFENDS COMPLEX AS SOURCE NATL PRIDE; BUT ROWEN SAYS OTHERS LEFT MANILA FEELING 'QUEASY," AS NEW COMPLEX DRAMATICALLY UNDERSCORES 'DEEP DIVIDE" BETWEEN PHILS' EXTREMEELY RICH AND ABJECT POOR.

18. CHINA

ON ABC/TV'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" SUNDAY, SCHLESINGER CRITICIZED PRES FOR REFUSAL CONSIDER SUPPLYING PRC MIL HARDWARE (AP, SUN).

NYT FEELS WHEN DEBATE WITHIN US REVIVES ON HOW BEST ADVANCE NORMALIZATION WITH PRC, SCHLESINGER TESTIMONY WILL RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT. NOTES WHAT CHINESE SEEMED ANXIOUS DISCUSS WITH FORMER SECDEF WAS NOT TAIWAN, BUT SOVIET THREAT. BELIEVES EVENTS HAVE DISPROVED ARGUMENT THAT UNLESS US ABANDONS ROC, QUICKLY NORMALIZES WITH PEKING, PRC RADICALS WILL TAKE OVER; NOTES CHINESE MODERATES, SO FAR, SEEM IN CONTROL. DECLARES THIS DOES NOT MEAN PROGRESS TOWARDS DIPL TIES WITH PRC SHOULD BE HALTED OR THAT TAIWAN'S FUTURE CAN BE LEFT OUT OF DISCUSSIONS--BUT THAT THERE IS TIME TO PROCEED IN ORDERLY FASHION TO ASSURE SECURITY 14 MILLION TAIWANESE.

WP CONCLUDES FROM CHINESE EVENTS THUS FAR THAT POLICY OF

RELATIVE PASSIVITY IN WORLD AT LARGE AND QUIET COOPERATION WITH US SEEMS UNFOLDING. WHILE US SHOULD TAKE NOTHING FOR

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SWITCHES OR INITIATIVES IN OUR POLICY; IS TIME TO WAIT/SEE.

CDN (10/13) SAYS CHIAO KUAN'HUA'S RECENT UN SPEECH HINTED THAT MAO'S THOUGHT WILL CONTINUE PRC'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES. FINDS THIS GOOD NEWS IN ONE SENSE, SINCE SHARP PRC TURN COULD UPSET DELICATE BALANCE NOW EXISTING AMONG MAJOR POWERS. BUT DECLARES THERE WILL REMAIN SOME UNEASE AS TO PEKING'S POLICY/INTENTIONS UNTIL MORE OF SECRECY CURTAIN RAISED. MEANWHILE, TENUOUS THOUGH US-PRC RELS MAY BE, WE ARE PROBABLY BETTER OFF DEALING WITH "THE CHINA WE KNOW" THAN ONE WE DON'T.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) OBSERVES THAT UNTIL LEADING PRC RADICALS WERE ARRESTED LAST WEEK, THEY APPEARED ACTIVELY WOOING POWERFUL FORMER COLLEAGUES OF LIN PIAO, THUS OPENING WAY FOR CAMPAIGN LINKING THEM WITH LATE DEFMIN. NOTES NEW HUA GOVT APPEARS DRAWING, IN INTENTION OR COINCIDENCE, MARKED PARALLELS BETWEEN ALLEGED CHIANG CHING AND LIN COUPS.

IN 10/17 ANALYSIS, MATHEWS SEES HUA APPARENTLY INTENT ON TRYING DAMPEN ONE OF HIS MOST EXPLOSIVE PROBLEMS--WAR BETWEEN GENERATIONS. SAYS ARREST OF WANG HUNG-WEN/YAO WEN-YUAN SMASHED MOST VIVID SYMBOL OF MAO'S PLAN TO GIVE YOUNG POWER. PRC'S YOUNG CADRES NOW SEE VETERANS THEY ATTACKED BACK IN POWER, HEAR REPORTS SPREADING THROUGH COUNTRY THAT THEIR PEKING RADICAL PATRONS IN JEOPARDY. PREDICTS HUA'S NEW GOVT MAY FIND THEIR RESULTING FRUSTRATION HARD TO DISSIPATE.

EARLIER (10/16), MATHEWS DETECTED INTENSE CAMPAIGN TO DISCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR CHIANG CHING/OTHER RADICAL LEADERS UNDERWAY. NOTED SOME OF ANTI'LEFTIST STATEMENTS COMING FROM PROVINCES HAVE BEEN EVEN STRONGER THAN THOSE FROM PEKING.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO (PEKING) QUOTES REPORT OF US BUSINESSMAN IN SHANGHAI ON CHINESE REACTION TO ARREST OF CHIANG CHING/OTHER RADICAL LEADERS: "THERE WAS SHOCK. I COULD READ IT IN THEIR FACES, AND THEY WERE REPEATING THE NAMES TO EACH OTHER AS IF THEY DIDN'T QUITE BELIEVE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHAT THEY WERE SEEING." SOURCE SAID MOOD OF ABOUT 10,000 EXCITED CHINESE IN STREETS CHANGED AS DAY PROGRESSED, AND BY MIDDAY THERE WAS ALMOST HOLIDAY SPIRIT AS GROUPS MARCHED ABOUT WITH PRO-HUA BANNERS. MUNRO OBSERVES THAT WHAT SOURCE WAS SEEING WAS ONLY PART OF CONCERTED POL CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT FOUR ARRESTED READICALS PRECISELY IN THOSE PLACES THOUGHT TO BE CENTERS OF RADICAL STRENGTH

(CSM, WP 10/16).

LAT'S LESLIE (HK) FINDS WESTERN TRAVELERS, FRUSTRATED BY WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS PERVASIVE CHINESE SECRECY/RIGIDLY-PLANNED TOUR/INABILITY APPROACH COMMON PEOPLE; ARE COMPLAINING, BECOMING DISILLUSIONED WITH VISITING PRC. SAYS SOME OF CRITICISM SIMPLY REFLECTS FACT THAT TRAVEL IN PRC NO LONGER NOVELTY; UNQUESTIONING ATTITUDES/EVEN EUPHORIA THAT CHARACTERIZED EARLY AMERICAN VISITORS HAVE FADED. SAYS INCONSISTENCIES IN INFO GIVEN SCHLESINGER PARTY BOTHERED MANY MEMBERS (WP 10/17).

MICHIGAN U'S WHITING FEELS FALL OF CHIANG CHING/3 ASSOCIATES REMOVES MOST POISONOUS PEKING ELEMENTS AFFECTING SINO -US RELS, SINCE REMOVES PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO PRC COMPROMISE ON TAIWAN ISSUE. DECLARES IF FUTURE OF MUTUAL COMPROMISE HAS NOT BEEN MORTGAGED BY US CAMPAIGN RHETORIC, NEW PRES CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SERIOUS NEGOTS IN PEKING (NYT 10/17).

HARVARD'S TERRILL (WP, GLOBE 10/17) SAYS IF NOSE DIVE TAKEN BY EXTREME LEFT IN PEKING IS FINAL, PRC WILL BE BETTER OFF. RECALLS FEW LIKED CHIANG CHING, ONE CANNOT WEEP FOR HER; TEN YEARS FROM ITS BIRTH, GHOSE OF GPCR HAS BEEN EXORCISED.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK 10/17) CITES PEKING DIPLOMATS' REPORTS THAT MORE LEFTISTS HAVE EITHER LOST THEIR JOBS OR BEEN ARRESTED. NOTES OPINION OF ANALYSTS THAT SIGNIFICANT APPEARANCE ANTI-LEFTIST POSTERS FIRST IN SHANGHAI IS CLEAR SIGN TO NATION THAT RIGHT WING POWER HAS BEEN BROKEN. IN 10/16 REPORT, BUTTERFIELD POINTS TO MANY UNSOLICITED COMMENTS LAST WEEK BY CHINESE TO FOREIGNERS IN PEKING. SAYS FIRST TIME ANYONE COULD RECALL SUCH INFO BEING GIVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT BY CHINESE SINCE 1949 AND SUGGESTED BREAKDOWN IN USUAL RIGOROUS DISCIPLINE.

TO SUN'S WU (HK 10/17), PRESENT SHANGHAI NOISES SEEN AS HARBINGER TO NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN OF WORKDS/ACTION TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR HUA'S CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, AND DISCREDIT FOUR TOP "ULTRA-LEFTISTS."

BRAATEN (WSTAR 10/16) FINDS CURRENT CHINESE EVENTS "BOTTOM-

LESS PIT OF CONFUSION." SUGGESTS "IT IS ALL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT," DESERVES "CAREFUL STUDY BY EVERY CONCERNED AMERICAN. THE TRICK IS TO STAY AWAKE."

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (10/16) REPORTS "FRANCE-SOIR" THURS ARTICLE BY VICTOR LOUIS WARNING NEW CHINESE LEADERS HAD BETTER ADOPT MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD SOVIET

WITHIN MONTH OR FACE "IRREVERSIBLE DECISIONS" BY MOSCOW. SAYS VERY STORNG, BUT DELIBERATELY VAGUE/UNSPECIFIED IMPLICATION, WAS THAT 1969 SOVIET THREAT OF PRE-EMPTIVE MIL STRIKE AGAINST PRC IS BEING RENEWED IN EFFORT AFFECT TURBID PEKING POL SITUATION.

IN 10/17 WP ARTICLE, MICHAEL PERTSHUK, CHIEF COUNSEL TO SENATE COMMERCE CMTE, WHO VISITED PRC IN AUGUST AS CODEL MEMBER, REPORTS PREVAILING LEVEL OF CHINESE CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT CIGARETTE SMOKING APPEARS TO RESEMBLE OUR OWN JUST PRIOR TO SURGEON-GENERAL'S 1964 REPORT. PRACTICE FLOURISHES THERE; PUZZLING THAT HABIT RECOGNIZED AS HARMFUL TO HEALTH ALLOWED PERSIST IN SOCIETY WHERE DOCTOR COMMITTED TO THEORY/PRACTICE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.

BARRY HAGER, WASHINGTON ATTY/FREE-LANCE WRITER, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AFRICA TOUR, REPORTS ON TANZAM RR. FOUND IT SELDOM DISCUSSED/NOT CLEAR, HOW LONG CHINESE WILL REMAIN IN ACTUAL MANAGEMENT; BUT APPARENTLY THEY WILL CONTINUE PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN TANZANIAN/ZAMBIAN LIFE. CONCLUDES CHINESE DOING GREAT DEAL AND IN WAYS COMPATIBLE WITH SELF-RELIANT/INDEPENDENT STYLES AIMED AT BY BOTH AFRICAN NATIONS.

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LAT'S ARLEN (10/15) PRAISES PERFORMANCE OF HAW-MAI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FROM TAIWAN, TOURING 17 STATES FIFTY DAYS TO HELP CELEBRATE BICENTENNIAL. KISSINGER

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